

Sheet 1 of 1

Form PTO-1449 (REV. 8-83)		US Dept. of Commerce PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE		ATTY DOCKET NO. 104721		APPLICATION NO. 09/436,219	
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (Use several sheets if necessary)				APPLICANTS Akira NAGAE et al.			
				FILING DATE November 9, 1999			
U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS							
EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUB CLASS	
MB		5, 869,943	02/09/1999	Nakashima et al.	—	—	
FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS							
		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUB CLASS	
MB		DE 196 32 943 A1 (w/ partial translation)	02/19/1998	Germany	—	—	
MB		DE 197 46 889 A1	05/20/1998	Germany	—	—	
OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, etc.)							
EXAMINER	Melody M. Burch				DATE CONSIDERED 4/22/02		
Examiner: Initial if citation considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with M.P.E.P. 609; draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.							